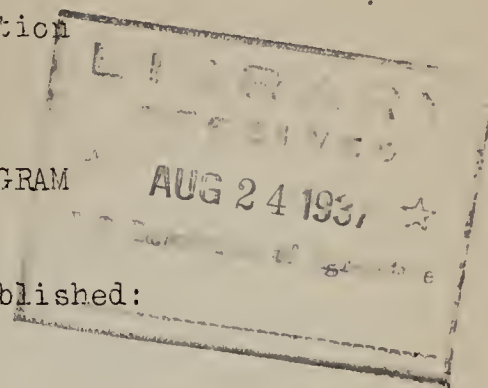


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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Adjustment Administration

OUTLINE FOR DISCUSSION

1938 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM
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1. Brief Outline--For each farm there will be established:

- (a) A maximum payment which may be earned.
- (b) A soil-depleting acreage limit
- (c) Special crop acreage limits, such as corn, cotton, and tobacco.
- (d) A soil-conserving acreage goal.

Each farmer who does not exceed the soil-depleting acreage limits established for his farm, who attains the soil-conserving goal, and who carries out such soil-building practices as may be required will be entitled to receive the maximum payments for cooperation in the 1938 Agricultural Conservation Program.

A farmer who exceeds the limits established for his farm or who fails to attain the goals or carry out the required practices established will have appropriate deductions made from the maximum payment which he otherwise would receive.

2. Determination of the Maximum Payment. --

- (a) The maximum payment with respect to any farm shall be the sum of the following:
 - (1) \$1.75 per acre (varied among States, counties, and individual farms in accordance with variations in productivity) on a number of acres equal to the all soil-depleting acreage limit.
 - (2) \$0.50 per acre (varied among States, counties, and individual farms in accordance with variations in productivity) on a number of acres equal to the corn limit.
 - (3) \$0.____ per pound of the normal yield per acre of cotton for the farm on a number of acres equal to the cotton limit.
 - (4) \$0.____ per pound of the normal yield per acre of tobacco for the farm on a number of acres equal to the tobacco limit.
 - (5) \$0.75 per acre on a number of acres equal to the soil-conserving goal.

(b) Deductions for exceeding soil-depleting limits and for failure to reach the soil-conserving goal or to carry out required practices shall be the sum of the following:

- (1) \$10.00 per acre (varied among States, counties, and individual farms in accordance with variations in productivity) for each acre in excess of the soil-depleting limit.
- (2) \$10.00 per acre (varied among States, counties, and individual farms in accordance with variations in productivity) for each acre in excess of the corn limit.
- (3) \$0.____ per pound on the normal yield per acre of cotton for the farm for each acre in excess of the cotton limit.
- (4) \$0.____ per pound on the normal yield per acre of tobacco for the farm for each acre in excess of the tobacco limit.
- (5) \$3.00 per acre for each acre less than the soil-conserving goal.
- (6) \$3.00 per acre for each required acre on which approved practices are not carried out.

3. Limits and Goals.

- (a) The county committee will recommend, for each farm in the county, limits and goals for each crop and group of crops for which limits and goals have been established for the county. Such individual limits and goals will be determined on the basis of good soil management for each farm, within certain specified limitations relating to the individual land-use history for the farm and the land-use history for the community.

4. Classification of Crops.-- There will be established for each Region, State or other area, a list of soil-depleting land uses, and a list of soil-conserving land uses. All acreages on the farm not classified as soil-depleting or soil-conserving will be classified as neutral.
5. Approved practices.-- For each Region, State, or other area, there shall be established a limited list of practices which may be carried out in meeting the practice requirements established for each farm. Credit for carrying out practices on individual farms will be given only for those practices

in this list which are approved for the county by the county committee. These practices may be required either in lieu of, or in addition to soil-conserving crops.

6. In order to avoid many of the problems incident to field-renting, it is proposed that a farm shall comprise all land owned by one person or by members of one family which is farmed as all or part of a crop rotation or cropping system; and that payments be divided between landlord and tenants according to the division of the principal soil-depleting crop, and among the tenants in accordance with the amount of cropland operated by each tenant. In order to simplify the determination of performance it is also proposed that performance be determined on each farm for which a landlord or tenant made application independently. Deductions may be made from any payments due a landlord or tenant whose operations on nonpayment farms are tending to defeat the purposes of the Act.

